

AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

5 2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Canceled)

10

7. (Currently amended): An improved putter comprising:

a shaft;

a head connected to said shaft, said head having a hitting surface for striking a golf ball, a top surface, and a bottom surface;

15

said head having a rearwardly extending portion, said rearwardly extending portion having a pair of side walls;

said rearwardly extending portion is detachably connected to said head;

each side wall has an attachment assembly formed thereon for detachable connection to said head;

20

a bottom aperture defined through said bottom surface of said head;

a ball rotatably disposed within said head, said ball positioned to be viewable from the top and to protrude partially outward through said bottom aperture;

~~The improved putter as described in Claim 6 wherein said attachment assembly comprises:~~

25

a top plate and a bottom plate protruding from each side wall;
a threaded pin extending through the top plate and between said bottom plate;
said head having an essentially flat rear surface; and,
said pin and plates being formed and positioned so that said rearwardly extending portion clamps onto said rear surface of the head as each pin is turned in a predetermined direction.

8. (original) The improved putter as described in Claim 7 further comprising a sight line extending across the top surface of the head perpendicular to the hitting surface; and, a broken line extending around said ball, said broken line being in-line with said sight line of said top surface.

5

9. (original) The improved putter as described in Claim 7 wherein the edge of the bottom surface surrounding said aperture formed through said bottom surface is tapered with a downward slope.

10 10. (Canceled)

11. (Canceled).

12. (Canceled)

15

13. (Currently amended): An improved putter comprising:
a shaft;
a head connected to said shaft, said head having a bottom surface, said head
having a front head portion, said front head portion having a hitting surface for striking a
20 golf ball and a top surface;

said head having a rearwardly extending portion extending rearwardly from the
front head portion, said rearwardly extending portion having a pair of side walls;

a bottom aperture defined through said bottom surface of said head; and,
a ball rotatably disposed within said head, said ball positioned to be viewable from the
25 top and to protrude partially outward through said bottom aperture, said ball being of the
same size and dimensions as a golf ball;

~~The improved putter as described in Claim 10 further comprising~~

a bore extending through said ball;

a bearing disposed on each end of said bore of said ball,

30 said ball being mounted on a spring loaded axle, and,

said axle extending through said bore and each of said bearing.

14. (Original) The improved putter as described in Claim 13 wherein each side wall has an inner surface, an indentation is formed on each inner surface of each side wall, each end of said axle has a rounded surface, and each end of said axle is removeably lodged within a corresponding indentation.

5 15. (Canceled)

10 16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Canceled)

15 19. (Currently amended): An improved putter comprising:
a shaft;
a head connected to said shaft, said head having a front portion, said front portion
having a hitting surface for striking a golf ball, a top surface, and a rear surface;
said front portion having a substantially flat rear surface;
20 a detachable rearwardly extending portion connected to the flat rear surface of the
front portion, said rearwardly extending portion having a pair of side walls and a bottom
surface;
an aperture formed through said bottom surface;
an attachment assembly formed on each side wall for connection of said
25 rearwardly extending portion to said front head portion; and,
a ball rotatably disposed between said side walls, said ball being of the same size
and dimensions as a golf ball, said ball positioned to be viewable from the top and to
protrude partially outward through said bottom aperture;
~~The improved putter as described in Claim 15 wherein said attachment assembly~~
30 ~~comprises:~~
 a top plate and a bottom plate protruding from each side wall;

a threaded pin extending through the top plate and between said bottom plate;
~~said head having an essentially flat rear surface;~~ and,
said pin and plates being formed and positioned so that said rearwardly extending
portion clamps onto said rear surface of the head as each pin is turned in a predetermined
5 direction.

20. (Currently amended) An improved putter comprising:
a shaft;
a head connected to said shaft, said head having a front portion, said front portion
10 having a hitting surface for striking a golf ball, a top surface, and a rear surface;
said front portion having an substantially flat rear surface;
a detachable rearwardly extending portion connected to the flat rear surface of the
front portion, said rearwardly extending portion having a pair of side walls and a bottom
surface;
15 an aperture formed through said bottom surface;
an attachment assembly formed on each side wall for connection of said
rearwardly extending portion to said front head portion; and,
a ball rotatably disposed between said side walls, said ball being of the same size
and dimensions as a golf ball, said ball positioned to be viewable from the top and to
20 protrude partially outward through said bottom aperture;
~~The improved putter as described in Claim 15 further comprising-~~
a bore extending through said ball;
a bearing disposed on each end of said bore of said ball,
said ball being mounted on a spring loaded axle, said axle extending through said
25 bore and each of said bearing;
each side wall having an inner surface;
an indentation formed on each inner surface of each side wall;
each end of said axle having a rounded surface; and,
wherein each end of said axle is removeably lodged within a corresponding
30 indentation.

21. (new) The improved putter as described in Claim 13 wherein said rearwardly extending portion is detachably connected to said head.
22. (new) The improved putter as described in Claim 13 wherein said ball is a golf ball.
- 5 23. (new) The improved putter as described in Claim 19 wherein said ball is a golf ball.
24. (new) The improved putter as described in Claim 20 wherein said ball is a golf ball.